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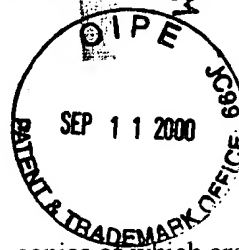
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Applicant : Jonathan H. Young et al. Art Unit : 2741
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 SYSTEM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant submits the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed.

Applicant is aware of a product called NaturallySpeaking™ version 1.0 which was produced and sold by Dragon Systems, Inc. more than one year before the filing date of this application. In NaturallySpeaking™ version 1.0, the speech recognition system used rescoring rules to discard recognition choices. For example, the speech recognition system would determine if a recognition choice contained more than one consecutive ('s) word fragment. If so, the speech recognition system discarded this recognition choice as being invalid. The speech recognition system performed this rescoring during post-processing to eliminate nonsense choices from further post-processing. However, the speech recognition system did not perform this rescoring to generate new choices.

This statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office action on the merits. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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